



St Andrew's Church Taunton

Reaching lives for change and hope

Registered Charity no: 1196804

26th April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Andrew's; we hope you enjoy the service.

Pre-school children are welcome to use the Children's Area in the South Aisle during the service but must be looked after by their parents or carers.

School age children will have their own activities led by today's helpers.

Tea and coffee will be available from the servery after the service. If you need help with anything, do ask one of the welcomers.

Collect (Prayer):

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Bible Readings:

Acts 2.42-end, 1 Peter 2.19-end, John 10.1-10

Prayer After Communion:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zoom Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 9am

All are welcome at Morning Prayer online - 30 minutes of calm in the busy week. Come when you can, it doesn't have to be every week. The joining details are:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5262118289?pwd=bkJtYzhPK0JEcnhJWVZMN0g2SXZsZz09> Meeting ID: 526 211 8289 Passcode: rrCZ1p

Vacancy: Sole Candidate

When the PCC met for the pre-section 11 meeting with Bishop Michael, Archdeacon Simon Hill, Area Dean Lee Mullen, and Deanery and Parish Support Adviser Rob Walrond, they were given the option of interviewing a sole candidate, aware that someone had expressed interest in the post but who could well not be able to be in a position to apply if the standard timings for an application process were followed. This possibility was discussed at a later PCC meeting and the PCC agreed to take forward this option. It is planned that an interview will take place on a date to be confirmed. This will follow the church having a vision day and preparing its parish profile and the candidate submitting an application form. The interview panel, consisting of the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the two parish representatives of St Andrew's and with the Area and Lay Dean in attendance, will consider the application form and then move to interview if that was agreed. If the candidate was not discerned to be the right person at shortlisting or at interview, then the post would be advertised.

Diary Date: Saturday, 23 May – 9.30am-1.00pm - Church

Benefice Discernment Event/vision day to produce the Parish Profile.

Electoral Roll

Following its annual review, the updated Electoral Roll is on display in the Narthex until the Annual meetings on 3rd May 2026.

Only those on the Roll can attend and vote.

If there are any queries, please contact Ruth Cook, Electoral Roll Officer, Tel: 01823 973787 or ruth-cook@sky.com

APM and APCM meetings – 3 May

Our two annual parish meetings will be held on Sunday 3rd May, starting shortly after the end of the 10am service.

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is solely for election of Churchwardens.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) includes election of PCC members and (this year) election of members of Taunton Deanery Synod. The APCM will also receive the annual accounts for 2025 and several reports on the life of the parish.

Please come along - all are welcome! You can vote if you are on the current Electoral Roll for St Andrews.



April Light up the Spire



In loving memory of Betty, Peter and Julia Harvey and
Rosemary, David and Simon Molesworth

Church Diary

The Church will be open during office hours
Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30-11.30am

Tuesday	April 28	9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 29	10.00am Parish Eucharist, <i>followed by coffee</i> 7.30pm Lectio Divina Group, <i>Church</i>
Thursday	April 30	2.00pm Tea and Chat, <i>Church</i>

For Your Prayers...

Those who are unwell: Joanna, Neil, Julia, Catherine, Gilly, Les, Chidimma, Kevin, Charmain

Years Mind: **01/05** John Willmott

- For peace with justice where there is conflict- for the people of Iran, Lebanon and the middle East, Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan, the Congo and Myanmar
- For stability across the international community
- For world leaders that they may act with wisdom and integrity

3rd May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Parish Eucharist
followed by APM and APCM meetings

Readings: Acts 7.55-end
 1 Peter 2.1-10
 John 14.1-14

Parish Directory

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